

## Sermon Notes

### *Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands*

“Assessment of Pergamum: Part A” – Revelation 2:12-17

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Emphasis from past messages.

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna

##### B. Today’s study.

1. Remains of Pergamum.
2. Facts on the city.
3. Especially identified with three things.
  - a. Spectacular A\_\_\_\_\_ -- 1100 feet high.
  - b. L\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Asclepius H\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

##### C. Reading of the text.

1. Revelation 2:12-17

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Christ Title.

1. Revelation 2:12
2. Linkage to Rev. 1:16b
3. Sword symbolism
  - a. Not just any sword.
    1. The machaira
    2. The rhomphaia
  - a. This deadly sword indicates the s\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s judgment on those within the church who followed the ways of the world.
- b. Evangelism needed in the church.

#### B. The Commendation.

1. Revelation 2:13
2. The church has been faithful to a point amidst a very evil city.
3. Satan’s throne.
  - a. Use of “throne” in Revelation.
  - b. Five possible meanings.
    1. Satan as God of this \_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.
    2. The Asclepius H\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_.
    3. The Great Z\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_
      - a. Also Dionysus Temple.
    4. The I\_\_\_\_\_ cult.
    5. Place of severe Christian p\_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Possibility exists that all of the above are a part of the designation “Satan’s throne.”
    1. Connection to Babylonian p\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The implications.
  - a. The believer is in the world but not to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
  - b. Case study of Lot.
    1. Gen. 13:10,13; 14:2; 19:1; 18:2-3; 19:5-8; 19:15-16; 19:30-38.
    2. Note above in view of II Peter 2:7-8

#### III. Point for reflection.

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1. Where have we compromised?
  2. Three areas for review.
    - a. One.
    - b. Two.
    - c. Three.